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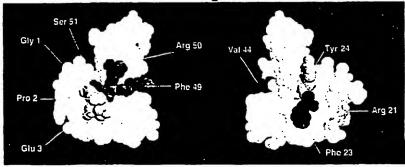
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IGF-1 Binding Domains



IGFBP-Binding Domain

IGF-1R-Binding Domain

(57) Abstract

The present invention provides the portions of IGFBP and IGF peptides which account for IGF-IGFBP binding. Thus, the present invention provides an isolated IGF binding domain of an IGFBP or modifications thereof, which binds IGF with at least about the same binding affinity as the full length IGFBP. The present invention also provides an IGF antagonist that reduces binding of IGF to an IGF receptor. Further provided is a fragment of IGF or modification thereof, wherein the fragment or modification thereof binds to a binding domain of IGFBP. The present invention further provides a protein comple, comprising the IGF binding domain of IGFBP of the invention and the IGF fragment of the invention. The present invention provides methods of treating a subject with cancer and of preventing cancer in a subject, of treating a subject with a diabetic complication exacerbated by IGF and of preventing diabetic complications exacerbated by IGF comprising administering to the subject the IGF antagonist of the present invention. Also provided is a method of treating a subject with an ischemic injury or preventing an ischemic injury in a subject, comprising administering to the subject the IGF fragment or IGFBP antagonist of the invention.

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FRAGMENTS OF INSULIN-LIKE GROWTH FACTOR BINDING PROTEIN AND INSULIN-LIKE GROWTH FACTOR, AND USES THEREOF

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

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The present invention relates to fragments of insulin-like growth factor binding protein (IGFBP) and, specifically, the insulin-like growth factor (IGF) binding domain of IGFBP. The present invention also relates to fragments of IGF and, specifically, the IGFBP binding domain on IGF. The present invention also relates to the uses of the fragments as therapeutic agents in the medical field.

Background Art

Insulin-like growth factors (IGFs), peptides which are structurally similar to insulin, have been implicated in a variety of cellular functions and disease processes.

Thus, IGF has been suggested as a therapeutic tool in a variety of diseases and injuries (for review, see Lowe, Scientific American March/April 1996, p. 62). The IGF-1 receptor (IGF-1R) has been shown to bind both IGF-1 and IGF-2, homologous proteins which are 70 and 67 amino acids in length, respectively (See Humbel, 1990). The IGF-1R binds IGF-1 and IGF-2 with high affinity and insulin with lower affinity.

IGF-1R plays a central role in normal cell growth and development (See Daughaday, 1989). There is mounting evidence, however, that IGF-1R signaling also plays an essential role in tumor cell growth, as well as cell transformation and tumorigenesis (See Baserga, 1995). Key examples include loss of metastatic phenotype of murine carcinoma cells by treatment with antisense RNA to the IGF-1R (See Long, 1995) and the in vitro inhibition of human melanoma cell motility (See Stracke, 1989) and of human breast cancer cell growth by the addition of IGF-1R antibodies (See Rohlik, 1987). The IGFs are potent breast cancer cell mitogens based on the observation of IGF-1 enhanced breast cancer cell proliferation in vitro (See Cullen, 1990). Breast cancers express IGF-2 and the IGF-1 receptor (IGF-1R), providing all 10 the required effectors for an autocrine-loop based proliferation paradigm (See Quinn, 1996; Steller, 1996). Because breast cancer is a common malignancy affecting approximately one in every seven women and is the leading cause of death from cancer in North American women (See LeRoith, 1995), new, rational therapies are required for intervention. Because IGF-1 can suppress apoptosis, cells lacking IGF-1Rs or having compromised IGF-1R signaling pathways may give rise to tumor cells that selectively die via apoptosis (See Long, 1995). Furthermore, it has recently become evident that alterations in IGF signaling in the context of other disease states such as diabetes, may be responsible for exacerbating the complications of retinopathy (Smith et al., 1997) and nephropathy (Horney et al., 1998). 20

The IGF binding proteins (IGFBPs) modulate access of the IGFs to the IGF-1R. IGFBPs are a family of at least 6 soluble proteins that regulate the concentrations of IGF-1 and IGF-2 in the circulation and at the level of the tissue IGF-1R (See Clemmons, 1993). In most cases, addition of exogenous IGFBP blunts the effects of IGF-1. For example, the growth stimulating effect of estradiol on the MCF-7 human breast cancer cells is associated with decreased IGFBP-3 mRNA and protein accumulation, while the antiestrogen ICI 182780 causes growth inhibition and increased IGFBP-3 mRNA and protein levels (See Huynh, 1996; Oh, 1995). It has also been reported that the in vitro inhibition of breast cancer cell proliferation by retinoic

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acid may involve altered IGFBP secretion by tumor cells or decreased circulating IGF-1 levels in vivo (See LeRoith, 1995; Oh, 1995). Contrary to this finding, treatment of MCF-7 cells with the anti-estrogen tamoxifen, decreases IGF-1R signaling in a manner that was unrelated to decreased IGFBP production (See Lee, 1997). Additional support for the general anti-proliferative effects of the IGFBPs is the striking finding that IGFBP-3 is a target gene of the tumor suppressor, p53 (See Buckbinder, 1995). This suggests that the suppressor activity of p53 is, in part, mediated by IGFBP-3 production and the consequential blockade of IGF action (See Buckbinder, 1995). These results indicate that the IGFBPs can block cell proliferation by modulating paracrine/autocrine processes regulated by IGF-1/IGF-2. A corollary to these observations is the finding that Prostate-Specific Antigen is an IGFBP-3-protease, which upon activation, increases the sensitivity of tumor cells to the actions of IGF-1/IGF-2 due to the proteolytic inactivation of IGFBP-3 (See Cohen, 1994).

The IGFBPs complex with IGF-1/IGF-2 and interfere with the access of IGF-1/IGF-2 to IGF-1Rs (See Clemmons, 1993). IGFBP-1, 2 and 3 inhibit cell growth following addition to cells in vitro (See Lee, 1997; Feyen, 1991). Further, IGFBP-1 (See McGuire, 1992; Figueroa, 1993), IGFBP-3 (See Oh, 1995; Pratt, 1994) and IGFBP-2 have all been shown to inhibit IGF-1 or estrogen induced breast cancer cell proliferation at nanomolar concentrations in vitro. These findings support the idea that the IGFBPs are potent antagonists of IGF action. There is also evidence for a direct effect of IGFBP-3 on cells through its own cell surface receptor, independent of IGF interactions (See Oh, 1993; Valentinis, 1995). Taken together, these findings underscore the importance of IGF and IGF-1R as important targets for therapeutic use.

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Exploitation of the interaction between IGF and IGFBP in screening, preventing, or treating disease has been limited, however, because of a lack of specific antagonists. To date, only one publication describing the application of an IGF-1/IGF-2 antagonist as a potential therapeutic adjunct in the treatment of cancer exists (See

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Pietrzkowski et al., 1992). In that report, a peptide corresponding to the D-region of IGF-1 was synthesized for use as an IGF-1/2 antagonist. This peptide exhibited questionable inhibitory activity against IGF-1. The basis for the observed inhibition is unclear as the D-region does not play a significant role in IGF-1R binding but rather, in IGF-1 binding to the insulin receptor (See Cooke, 1991; Bayne, 1988; Yee, 1994. IGF antagonists whose mechanism of action is via blockade of interactions at the IGF-1R interface may also significantly alter insulin action at the insulin receptor, a disadvantage of such antagonists.

Generation of specific antagonists has been restricted, at least in part, because of difficulties in studying the structure of IGF and IGFBP. Due to the inability to obtain crystals of IGF-1 suitable for diffraction studies, for example, an extrapolation of IGF-1 structure based on the crystal structure of porcine insulin was the most important structural road map for IGF-1 available (See Blundell, 1978). Based on studies of chemically modified and mutated IGF-1, a number of common residues between IGF-1 and insulin have been identified as being part of the IGF-1R-insulin receptor contact site, in particular the aromatic residues at positions 23-25. Using NMR and restrained molecular dynamics, the solution structure of IGF-1 was recently reported (See Cooke, 1991). The resulting minimized structure was shown to better fit the experimental findings on modified IGF-1, as well as the extrapolations made from the structureactivity studies of insulin. Prior to the present invention, a specific site on the IGFBPs responsible for IGF binding had not been identified. Furthermore, neither unique antagonists of the IGFs applicable to the treatment of cancer and of diabetic nephropathy and retinopathy nor isolated monobiotinylated IGFs that bind IGFBP with high affinity have been identified prior to the present invention.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides the portions of the IGFBP and IGF peptides which account for IGF-IGFBP binding. Thus, the present invention provides an isolated IGF binding domain on an IGFBP or modifications thereof, which binds IGF with at least about the same binding affinity as the full length IGFBP. The present invention also provides an IGF antagonist, comprising the isolated binding domain of the invention or modification or fragment thereof or comprising a related peptide of 250 or fewer amino acids which reduces binding of IGF to an IGF receptor. Further provided is a fragment of IGF or modification thereof, wherein the fragment or modification thereof binds to a binding domain of IGFBP.

The present invention further provides a protein complex, comprising the IGF binding domain of IGFBP of the invention and the IGF fragment of the invention. The present invention also provides a protein complex, comprising the IGF binding domain of IGFBP and a photoaffinity derivative of an IGF.

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Therapeutic uses of the IGFBP and IGF peptides are also provided. Thus, the present invention provides methods of treating a subject with cancer and of preventing cancer in a subject, comprising administering to the subject the IGF antagonist of the invention. The present invention further provides methods of treating a subject with a diabetic complication exacerbated by IGF and of preventing diabetic complications exacerbated by IGF, comprising administering to the subject the IGF antagonist of the invention. Further provided are methods of treating a subject with an ischemic injury or preventing the ischemic injury in a subject, comprising administering to the subject the IGF fragment or IGFBP antagonist of the invention, thereby reducing the ischemic injury in the subject.

The invention also provides an isolated monobiotinylated IGF, wherein the biotinylated IGF has a high affinity for IGFBP. Preferably, the affinity of the biotinylated IGF for IGFBP is comparable to the affinity of unmodified IGF (i.e.,having a K_D about 50-300 pM in a competition binding assay). Such biotinylated IGF is useful in therapeutic assays for IGFBP and in screening for IGFBP-mimetics (such as, IGF antagonists).

It is an object of this invention to provide peptides that can serve as stable, protease resistant analogs of the IGFBPs (i.e., IGFBP-mimetics). The IGFBP analogs act as IGF antagonists. Thus, the IGF-1 antagonists of the present invention use the IGF binding site of IGFBPs and thereby avoid the insulin effects of IGF antagonists that act by blockade of interactions at the IGF-1R interface, since blockade of the IGF-1R may significantly alter insulin action at the insulin receptor. The IGFBPs, in contrast, are selective for the IGFs, thus eliminating the possibility of compromising insulin action. The IGF binding site of IGFBP and related antagonists are therapeutically useful in the treatment of cancer and diabetic complications.

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Another object of the invention is to provide peptides comprising a fragment of IGF that binds to IGFBP, wherein the fragment decreases IGFBP binding of IGF,

thereby increasing the IGF available for binding to the IGF receptor. Such fragments are useful in a variety of disorders and injuries.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 shows the IGFBP-binding site on IGF-1. The N-terminal residues Gly 1, Pro 2 and Glu 3 combine with residues Phe 49, Arg 50 and Ser 51 to form the IGFBP binding domain (left). This association is based on the minimized structure of IGF-1 obtained by NMR and restrained molecular dynamics (See Cascieri, 1989). The Gly 1 α-NH 2 group is the site chosen for derivatization with 4-azidobenzoyl-N-hydroxysuccinimide ester. Turning the molecule 180° reveals the IGF-1R binding domain on IGF-1 (right). Image obtained in RasMol v 2.6 using coordinates (See Cascieri, 1989) from the Brookhaven National Laboratory Protein Database.

Figure 2 shows the primary structures of insulin, IGF-1 and IGF-2. (See Szabo et al., 1988 referencing Blundell et al., 1978). The boxed sequences shown are residues conserved across insulin, IGF-1 and IGF-2. Shadowed residues are conserved across all insulins sequenced. Letters at left indicate common regions referred to in text.

Figure 3 shows the pepsin cleavage sites in IGF-1. To verify derivatization of IGF-1 at its N-terminal glycine residue, the purified probe was digested with pepsin (See Hober et al., 1992). The rationale behind this approach is that tryptic digestion requires disulfide bond reduction, whereas pepsin digestion does not. Reducing conditions may result in the loss of the azide from the azidobenzoyl moiety. Peak 4 was shown to be monoderivatized, based on the acid-urea gel analysis shown below. The AE fragment highlighted here, contains the N-terminal glycine residue and none of the lysyl residues.

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Figure 4 shows the primary structures of IGFBPs 1-6. Spatially conserved cysteine residues are shown in gray. The underlined sequence indicates the epitope peptide used to generate anti-IGFBP-2 antibodies. Sequences were aligned using the

Pileup component of the Wisconsin Package version 9.0 (Genetics Computer Group (GCG), Madison, Wisconsin).

Figure 5 shows the tryptic fragments present in the 15.8 kDa fragment. The contiguous peptide sequences identified by MALDI-TOF MS (Matrix Assisted Laser Desorption Ionization-Time of Flight Mass Spectrometry) are shown in gray. The lines over the sequence indicate the tryptic fragments detected by MALDI.

Figure 6 shows an IGF binding domain on IGFBP-2, which corresponds to residues 212-287. The bars indicate the locations of disulfide bonds.

Figure 7 shows an IGF binding domain on IGFBP-2, which corresponds to residues 151-289. The bars indicate the locations of disulfide bonds.

Figure 8 shows an IGF binding domain on IGFBP-2, which corresponds to residues 189-289. The bars indicate the locations of disulfide bonds.

Figure 9 shows an IGF binding domain on IGFBP-2, which corresponds to residues 226-289. The bars indicate the locations of disulfide bonds.

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Figure 10 shows an IGF binding domain on IGFBP-2, which corresponds to residues 226-272. The bars indicate the locations of disulfide bonds.

Figure 11 shows an IGF binding domain on IGFBP-2, which corresponds to residues 232-272. The bars indicate the locations of disulfide bonds.

Figure 12 shows an IGF binding domain on IGFBP-2, which corresponds to a dimerized motif of residues 232-249 and 236-248. The underlined residues are repeated in the structure. The bars indicate the locations of disulfide bonds.

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Figure 13 shows a dimerized motif of residues 248-270 and 248-272. The underlined residues (248-270) are repeated. The bars indicate the locations of disulfide bonds.

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Figure 14 shows a construct having the sequence for a 5' segment of IGFBP-2 cDNA, containing the sequence for the signal peptide and N-terminus, and the sequence for the C-terminal fragment of IGFBP.

10 Figure 15 shows a sensorgram that reflects binding of IGFBP-2 (1μg/10μl) and IGF-1 biotinylated on residue Lysine-65, which was immobilized on the surface of a sensor chip surface. The gray profile represents an identical injection of analyte into the control flow cell (streptavidin only), providing the signal for non-specific binding and bulk flow effects. The difference between these two signals is the specific binding of IGFBP-2 to IGF-1 (300 response units).

Figure 16 shows a sensorgram that reflects binding of WHKPRPT (SEQ ID NO:76) and IGF-1 biotinylated on residue Lysine-65, which was immobilized on the surface of a sensor chip surface. The gray profile represents an identical injection of analyte into the control flow cell (streptavidin only), providing the signal for non-specific binding and bulk flow effects. The difference between these two signals is the specific binding of WHKPRPT (SEQ ID NO:76) to IGF-1 (15 response units).

Figure 17 shows a sensorgram that reflects binding of WHKPRPR (SEQ ID NO:79) and IGF-1 biotinylated on residue Lysine-65, which was immobilized on the surface of a sensor chip surface. The gray profile represents an identical injection of analyte into the control flow cell (streptavidin only), providing the signal for non-specific binding and bulk flow effects. The difference between these two signals is the specific binding of WHKPRPR (SEQ ID NO:79) to IGF-1 (36 response units).

Figure 18 shows a sensorgram that reflects binding of ERGPLEHLYSLHIPNC (SEQ ID NO:84) and IGF-1 biotinylated on residue Lysine-65, which was immobilized on the surface of a sensor chip surface. The gray profile represents an identical injection of analyte into the control flow cell (streptavidin only), providing the signal for non-specific binding and bulk flow effects. The difference between these two signals is the specific binding of ERGPLEHLYSLHIPNC (SEQ ID NO:84) to IGF-1 (245 response units).

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

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The present invention provides an isolated peptide comprising an IGF binding domain on an IGFBP or modification thereof, which binds IGF with at least about the same binding affinity as the full length IGFBP. More specifically, the binding domain or modification thereof binds to IGF-1 or IGF-2. By "peptide" is meant a single amino acid sequence, including either a linear sequence or a sequence having an internal disulfide bond, or a peptide complex of two or more amino acid sequences linked by at least one disulfide bond. The present peptide does not include the entire native IGFBP protein but may comprise up to about 250 amino acids of the full length IGFBP. The peptide should be at least about 7 amino acids in length and should comprise certain amino acids needed for IGF binding, as further described herein. Thus, the peptide can be from 7 to 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100, 105, 110, 115, 120, 125, 130, 135, or 140, 145, 150, 160, 170, 180, 190, 200, 210, 220, 230, 240, 250 and any length in between.

25 It is understood that an "isolated peptide" can include a recombinant peptide.

One skilled in the art would recognize that to express correctly folded disulfide-bonded

C-terminal fragments of IGFBP as a secreted protein, a 5' segment of the IGFBP cDNA

containing the sequence for the signal peptide and the initial N-terminal amino acid of
the mature protein should be generated using techniques known in the art, and as shown

in Figure 14. An isolated peptide can also be made using chemical synthesis, isolation techniques, or by cleavage from a larger peptide.

It is also understood that "an isolated peptide" can include certain modifications, including, for example, replacement of the free carboxylic acid at the Cterminal with a C-terminal amide, cyclization of the peptide, introduction of alternative flanking residues, introduction of non-naturally occurring amino acids, or replacement of amino acids with conformational constrained amino acids or non-naturally occurring amino acids. See, e.g., Scarborough et al, 1993. Thus, wherever an amino acid sequence is provided, for example, WHKPRPT (SEQ ID NO:76). Such a sequence includes WHKPRPT-amide, as well as WHKPRPT-COOH. The peptide of SEQ ID NO:84, for example, can be cyclized by introducing an N-terminal cysteine residue and subsequently substituting a penicillamine residue at the C-terminus to result in a constrained ring structure. Thus, "modification," as used throughout, is meant to include peptides or proteins that have variations in amino acid sequence, such as amino acid substitutions, deletions, insertions, or additions or modification of the N- and Ctermini (including, for example, addition of an amide group at the C-terminus) or variations in amino acid structure (including, for example, the peptide can be cyclized or conformationally constrained) so long as the peptide or protein retains its desired function. "Modification" can further include the peptide or protein in fragments joined only by disulfide bonds rather than covalently linked, so long as the fragments joined by disulfide bonds retain the desired function as the covalently linked, continuous sequence. For example, the desired function of the binding domain is the ability to bind IGF with high affinity, and modifications thereof should retain that function. In a competitive binding assay with IGF-1, the IC₅₀ values (K_D) for the binding domain should be no greater than 100 nM, and preferably between 100 nM and 0.01 nM. Even more preferably the IC₅₀ value should be about 1.0 nM. Such variations in the amino acid sequence may arise naturally as allelic variations (e.g., due to genetic polymorphism) or may be produced by human intervention (e.g., by mutagenesis of

cloned DNA sequences), such as induced point, deletion, insertion and substitution mutants. When such variations occur, minor changes in amino acid sequence are generally preferred, such as conservative amino acid replacements, small internal deletions or insertions, and additions or deletions at the ends of the molecules. 5 Substitutions may be designed based on, for example, the model of Dayhoff, et al., 1978. These modifications can result in changes in the amino acid sequence, provide silent mutations, modify a restriction site, or provide other specific mutations. One example of a modification includes, for example, a substitution of amino acid residue 281, wherein the arginine residue of the native IGFBP-2 is substituted with a cysteine, which has no effect on the binding activity of the peptide. Furthermore, other substitutions (one amino acid with an aliphatic side chain for another with an aliphatic side chain; one amino acid with an acidic side chain for another with an acidic side chain; etc.) will be obvious to those skilled in the art. For example, a substitution of glutamate for aspartate at position 267 of IGFBP-2 would be an obvious modification to one skilled in the art. Methods of testing the modifications suggested herein are also taught in the Examples of the present application.

As used herein, a "binding domain" includes the docking-site for IGF on the three dimensional IGFBP structure. The binding domain includes a contact site of IGFBP. By "contact site" is meant the position of covalent insertion. For IGFBP-2 the contact site identified with the photoprobe NαGly1 (4-azidobenzoyl) IGF-1 (hereinafter "NαGly1 AB-IGF-1") is glutamine 277. One skilled in the art would recognize that the contact site for IGF without the labeled extension (i.e., without the photoprobe, as described below) could be residues adjacent to or near the glutamine 277. Those skilled in the art would also recognize that the contact site on other IGFBPs would be in the region homologous to glutamine 277 and residues near or adjacent to the homologous site, as shown in Figure 4. Thus, the C terminal regions of the IGFBPs are shown herein to include the IGF binding domains, and one skilled in the art would recognize the homologous regions in the various IGFBPs.

By "about the same binding affinity as the full length IGFBP" is meant an affinity that is within one log unit of the binding affinity of native or recombinant IGFBP, which is about 0.3 nM in a competitive binding assay with IGF. Thus, the binding domain of the present invention comprises the amino acid sequence necessary for high affinity binding. One skilled in the art would recognize that high affinity binding would require a certain three dimensional structure in the binding domain. A schematic depiction of one example of the IGFBP-binding domain on IGF-1 is shown in Figure 1.

- The IGFBP can be IGFBP-2. More specifically, the present invention provides 10 the isolated IGF binding domain of IGFBP-2 or modifications thereof comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of ERGPLEHLYSLHIPNC (SEQ ID NO:84), ERGPLEHLYSLHIPNCD (SEQ ID NO:85). ERGPLEHLYSLHIPNCDK (SEQ ID NO:86), ERGPLEHLYSLHIPNCDKH (SEQ ID 15 NO:87), ERGPLEHLYSLHIPNCDKHG (SEQ ID NO:88), ERGPLEHLYSLHIPNCDKHGL (SEQ ID NO:89), ERGPLEHLYSLHIPNCDKHGLY (SEQ ID NO:90), ERGPLEHLYSLHIPNCDKHGLYN (SEQ ID NO:91), ERGPLEHLYSLHIPNCDKHGLYNL (SEQ ID NO:92), ERGPLEHLYSLHIPNCDKHGLYNLK (SEQ ID NO:93), ERGPLEHLYSLHIPNCDKHGLYNLKQ (SEQ ID NO:94), ERGPLEHLYSLHIPNCDKHGLYNLKQC (SEQ ID NO:95), ERGPLEHLYSLHIPNCDKHGLYNLKQCK (SEQ ID NO:96), ERGPLEHLYSLHIPNCDKHGLYNLKQCKM (SEQ ID NO:97), ERGPLEHLYSLHIPNCDKHGLYNLKQCKMS (SEQ ID NO:98), ERGPLEHLYSLHIPNCDKHGLYNLKQCKMSL (SEQ ID NO:99),
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- 5 LYSLHIPNCDKHGLYNLKQCKMSLNGQRGECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPE CHLFYNEQR (SEQ ID NO:11),
 - LYSLHIPNCDKHGLYNLKQCKMSLNGQRGECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPE CHLFYNEQ (SEQ ID NO:12),
 - YSLHIPNCDKHGLYNLKQCKMSLNGQRGECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPEC
- 10 HLFYNEQR (SEQ ID NO:13),
 - YSLHIPNCDKHGLYNLKQCKMSLNGQRGECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPEC HLFYNEQ (SEQ ID NO:14),
 - SLHIPNCDKHGLYNLKQCKMSLNGQRGECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECH LFYNEOR (SEQ ID NO:15),
- 15 SLHIPNCDKHGLYNLKQCKMSLNGQRGECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECH LFYNEQ (SEQ ID NO:16),
 - LHIPNCDKHGLYNLKQCKMSLNGQRGECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECHL FYNEQR (SEQ ID NO:17),
 - LHIPNCDKHGLYNLKQCKMSLNGQRGECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECHL
- 20 FYNEQ (SEQ ID NO:18),
 - HIPNCDKHGLYNLKQCKMSLNGQRGECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECHLF YNEQR (SEQ ID NO:19),
 - HIPNCDKHGLYNLKQCKMSLNGQRGECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECHLF YNEQ (SEQ ID NO:20),
- 25 IPNCDKHGLYNLKQCKMSLNGQRGECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECHLFY NEQR (SEQ ID NO:21),
 - IPNCDKHGLYNLKQCKMSLNGQRGECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECHLFY NEQ (SEQ ID NO:22),

PNCDKHGLYNLKQCKMSLNGQRGECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECHLFY NEOR (SEQ ID NO:23),

PNCDKHGLYNLKQCKMSLNGQRGECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECHLFY NEQ (SEQ ID NO:24),

- 5 NCDKHGLYNLKQCKMSLNGQRGECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECHLFYN EQR (SEQ ID NO:25), NCDKHGLYNLKQCKMSLNGQRGECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECHLFYN
 - NCDKHGLYNLKQCKMSLNGQRGECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECHLFYN EQ (SEQ ID NO:26),
 - CDKHGLYNLKQCKMSLNGQRGECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECHLFYNE
- 10 QR (SEQ ID NO:27),
 - CDKHGLYNLKQCKMSLNGQRGECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECHLFYNE Q (SEQ ID NO:28),
 - DKHGLYNLKQCKMSLNGQRGECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECHLFYNEQ (SEQ ID NO:29),
- DKHGLYNLKQCKMSLNGQRGECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECHLFYNEQ
 QEA (SEQ ID NO:30), DKHGLYNLKQCKMSLNGQRGECWCVNPNTGKLIQG
 APTIRGDPECHLFYNEQQEA C/R G (SEQ ID NO:31),
 DKHGLYNLKQCKMSLNGQRGECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECHLFYNEQ
 OEA C/R GVH (SEQ ID NO:32),
- DKHGLYNLKQCKMSLNGQRGECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECHLFYNEQ
 QEA C/R GVHTQ (SEQ ID NO:33), or
 DKHGLYNLKQCKMSLNGQRGECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECHLFYNEQ
 QEA C/R GVHTQRMQ (SEQ ID NO:34). Preferably, the isolated IGF binding
 domain of IGFBP-2 comprises ERGPLEHLYSLHIPNC (SEQ ID NO:84).

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The isolated IGF binding domain of IGFBP-2 comprising amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO:84, SEQ ID NO:85, SEQ ID NO:86, SEQ ID NO:87, SEQ ID NO:88, SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ ID NO:92, SEQ ID NO:93, SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, SEQ ID NO:97, SEQ ID NO:98,

SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID NO:130, SEQ ID NO:131, SEQ ID NO:132, SEQ ID NO:133, SEQ ID NO:134, SEQ ID NO:135, SEQ ID NO:136, SEQ ID NO:137, SEQ ID NO:138, SEQ ID NO:139, SEQ ID NO:140, SEQ ID NO:141, SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO: 3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:9, SEO ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:11, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:19, SEQ ID 10 NO:20, SEQ ID NO:21, SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:23, SEQ ID NO:24, SEQ ID NO:25, SEQ ID NO:26, SEQ ID NO:27, SEQ ID NO:28, SEQ ID NO:29, SEQ ID NO:30, SEQ ID NO:31, SEQ ID NO:32, SEQ ID NO:33, and SEQ ID NO:34 can have at least one intrasequence disulfide bond. The intrasequence disulfide bond can be between the cysteine residues corresponding to residues 249 and 270 of IGFBP-2 or between the cysteine residues corresponding to residues 236 and 247 of IGFBP-2. Preferably, there are two intrasequence disulfide bonds between the cysteine residues corresponding to residues 249 and 270 and between the cysteine residues corresponding to residues 236 and 247 of IGFBP-2. See, for example, the amino acid sequences shown in Figures 6-13 with two disulfide bonds.

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Another embodiment of the isolated binding domain comprises the amino acid sequence ELAVFREKVTEQHRQMGKGGKHHLGLEEPKKLRPPPARTPCQQELDQVLERIS

TMRLPDERGPLEHLYSLHIPNCDKHGLYNLKQCKMSLNGQRGECWCVNPNTG

KLIQGAPTIRGCPECHLFYNEQQEACGVHTQRMQ (SEQ ID NO:35) with
intrasequence disulfide bonds as shown in Figure 7. Another embodiment comprises
the amino acid sequence

TPCQQELDQVLERISTMRLPDERGPLEHLYSLHIPNCDKHGLYNLKQCKMSLN GQRGECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECHLFYNEQQEACGFHTQRMQ (SEQ

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ID NO:36) with intrasequence disulfide bonds as shown in Figure 8.

DKHGLYNLKQCKMSLNGQRGECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECHL (SEQ ID NO:37) with intrasequence disulfide bonds as shown in Figure 10, or NLKQCKMSLNGQRGECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECHL (SEQ ID NO:38)

5 with intrasequence disulfide bonds as shown in Figure 11. Other embodiments include the amino acid sequence GPLEHLYSLHIPNCDKHGLYNLKQCKMSLNGQRGECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTI RGDPECHLFYNEQQEACGVHTQR (SEQ ID NO:117), NLKQCKMSLNGQRGECWCKMSLNGQRGECWCKMSLN GQRGECWCKMSLN GQRGECWCKMSLN GQRGECWCKMSLN GQRGECWCKMSLN (SEQ ID NO:39), or WCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECWCVNPNT GKLIQGAPTIRGDPECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECWCVNPNT GKLIQGAPTIRGDPECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECHL (SEQ ID NO:40) with intrasequence disulfide bonds as shown in Figures 6, 12 and 13, respectively.

One skilled in the art would recognize that modified forms, including truncated forms, of the sequences would also bind IGF with high affinity. Thus, a binding domain can comprise or consist of a first sequence, CKMSLNGQRGECWC (SEQ ID NO:41), and a second sequence comprising CHLFYNEQ (SEQ ID NO:42), wherein the sequences are linked by at least one disulfide bond. Furthermore, the C-terminal end of each amino acid sequence could be modified to include a C-terminal amide rather than a free carboxylic acid.

The present invention also provides the isolated IGF binding domains of IGFBP-1, IGFBP-3, IGFBP-4, IGFBP-5, and IGFBP-6. One skilled in the art could identify the regions in IGFBP-1, IGFBP-3, IGFBP-4, IGFBP-5, IGFBP-6 homologous to the binding domain of IGFBP-2, according to Figure 4. Preferably, the IGF binding domain of IGFBP-2 comprises, for example, the amino acid sequence of ERGPLEHLYSLHIPNC (SEQ ID NO:84). The corresponding IGF binding domain of IGFBP-1 comprises GEEISKFYLPNC (SEQ ID NO:112), of IGFBP-3 comprises

See Figure 4.

PRGVHIPNC (SEQ ID NO:113), of IGFBP-4 comprises HEDLYIIPIPNC (SEQ ID NO:114), of IGFBP-5 comprises PRAVYLPNC (SEQ ID NO:115), and IGFBP-6 comprises EVYRGAQTLYVPNC (SEQ ID NO:116). Alternatively, when the IGF binding domain of IGFBP-2 comprises, for example, SEQ ID NO: 29, the 5 corresponding IGF binding domain of IGFBP-1 comprises the amino acid sequence of NKNGFYHSRQCETSMDGEAGLCWCVYPWNGKRIPGSPEIRGDPNCQIYFNVQ (SEQ ID NO:43) and the IGF binding domain of IGFBP-3 comprises the amino acid sequence of DKKGFYKKKQCRPSKGRKRGFCWCVDKYGQPLPGYTTKGKEDVHCYSMQSK 10 (SEQ ID NO:44) linked by a disulfide bond. The IGF binding domain of IGFBP-4 comprises the amino acid sequence of DRNGNFHPKQCHPALDGQRGKCWCVDRKTGVKLPGGLEPKGELDCHQLADS FRE (SEQ ID NO:45). The IGF binding domain of IGFBP-5 comprises DRKGFYKRKQCKPSRGRKRGICWCVDKYGMKLPGMEYVDGDFQCHTFDSSN 15 VE (SEQ ID NO:46). The IGF binding domain of IGFBP-6 comprises DHRGFYRKRQCRSSQGQRRGPCWCVDRMGKSLPGSPDGNGSSSCPTGSSG (SEQ ID NO:47). As with the IGF binding domain of IGFBP-2, the amino acid sequences comprising the IGF binding domain of the other IGFBP's could include modified forms so long as the binding affinity of the binding domain is about the same 20 as that of the comparable native full length IGFBP. Examples of these binding domain peptides include sequences from the other IGFBP's that are homologous to the sequences of IGFBP-2. As discussed above for IGFBP-2, one skilled in the art would recognize that modified forms of the other IGFBPs would bind IGF with high affinity. For example, one skilled in the art would recognize that the amino acid corresponding to residue number 267 could be serine, aspartate, or glutamate in the various IGFBPs.

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It is understood that the present invention can be based on mammalian IGFBP and IGF, and more specifically, human IGFBP and IGF. The amino acid sequences of these proteins are either known in the art or readily available.

The isolated binding domain or modification thereof of the present invention can have a molecular weight of about 14 kDa or less based on MALDI-TOF mass spectrometry. The 14 kDa fragment can contain pieces of the C-terminus of IGFBP-2, disulfide linked to upstream fragments. Under reducing conditions, at least about 3 or 4 peptide sequences can be obtained from the 14 kDa fragment. In an alternative embodiment, the isolated binding domain or modification thereof has a molecular weight of about 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.5, 1 kDa or less, including any amount in between these weights. The present invention provides a polypeptide comprising the IGF binding domain of IGFBP, wherein the polypeptide can range from about 7 to 250 amino acids.

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The present invention also provides an IGF antagonist, comprising a peptide of 250 or fewer amino acids, wherein the peptide can displace bound IGFBP from IGF and wherein the peptide reduces binding of IGF to an IGF receptor. Further provided is the IGF antagonist, wherein the antagonist is not CCYAAPLKPAKSC (SEQ ID NO:142). Preferably, the IGF antagonist does not reduce binding of insulin to an insulin receptor. The molecular weight of the antagonist can be 0.5 to 14 kDa. In one embodiment, the IGF antagonist, comprising an isolated peptide comprising an IGF binding domain of an IGFBP or modification or fragment thereof, which reduces binding of IGF to an IGF receptor. "Reduces binding of insulin-like growth factor to an insulin-like growth factor receptor" includes reduction in the range of 5-100% reduction in the binding of IGF to the IGF receptor. The preferred reduction by the IGF antagonist will decrease the biologic activity of IGF. Thus, preferably, the reduction will be 100%, 99%, 98%, 95%, 90%, 85%, 80%, 75%, 70%, 65%, 60%, 55%, 50%, 45%, 40%, 35%, 30%, 25%, 20%, 15%, 10%, or 5%. To decrease the biologic activity

of IGF, the IGF antagonist can bind to IGF and interfere with the availability of IGF for binding to the IGF receptor or can alter the structure of IGF, thereby reducing its ability to bind to the IGF receptor. Furthermore, the IGF antagonist of the present invention can comprise the IGF binding domain of IGFBP or fragments or modifications thereof, as described above and shown in Figures 6-13. Preferably, the IGF antagonist does not reduce binding of insulin to an insulin receptor by greater than about 15 %, and more preferably about 5%. Thus, in the presence of the IGF antagonist, the binding affinity of insulin to the insulin receptor will be about 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99%, or 100% of the normal IC₅₀, which is approximately 1nM. In addition, smaller fragments of the IGF binding domain on IGFBP that act as IGF antagonists can 10 comprise the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:84 or modification thereof. Additionally, the IGF antagonist can comprises other fragments of the binding domain including, for example, SEQ ID NO:85, SEQ ID NO:86, SEQ ID NO:87, SEQ ID NO:88, SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ ID NO:92, SEQ ID 15 NO:93, SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, SEQ ID NO:97, SEQ ID NO:98, SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID NO:130,SEQ ID NO:131, SEQ ID NO:132, SEQ ID NO:133, SEQ ID NO:134, SEQ ID NO:135, SEQ ID NO:136, SEQ ID NO:137, SEQ ID NO:138, SEQ ID NO:139, 20 SEQ ID NO:140, SEQ ID NO:141, SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO: 3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:9, SEO ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:11, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:19, SEQ ID NO:20, SEO ID NO:21, SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:23, SEQ ID NO:24, SEQ ID NO:25, SEQ ID NO:26, SEQ ID NO:27, SEQ ID NO:28, SEQ ID NO:29, SEQ ID NO:30, SEQ ID NO:31, SEQ ID NO:32, SEQ ID NO:33, or SEQ ID NO:34, FYNEQ (SEQ ID NO:48), PECHLFYNEQ (SEQ ID NO:49), TIRGDPECHLFYNEQ (SEQ ID NO:50), IOGAPTIRGDPECHLFYNEQ (SEQ ID NO:51),

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NTGKLIOGAPTIRGDPECHLFYNEQ (SEQ ID NO:52), WCVNPNTGKLIOGAPTIRGDPECHLFYNEQ (SEQ ID NO:53), QRGECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECHLFYNEQ (SEQ ID NO:54), MSLNGQRGECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECHLFYNEQ (SEQ ID NO:55), LKQCKMSLNGQRGECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECHLFYNEQ (SEQ ID NO:56), GLYNLKQCKMSLNGQRGECWCVNPNTGKLIQGAPTIRGDPECHLFYNEQ (SEQ ID NO:57) or modifications thereof. These amino acid sequences are isolated regions of IGFBP-2. One skilled in the art would recognize that comparable fragments of IGFBP-1, IGFBP-3, IGFBP-4, IGFBP-5, IGFBP-6 would act as IGF antagonists. For 10 example, the fragments of IGFBP-1, IGFBP-3, IGFBP-4, IGFBP-5, and IGFBP-6 that are comparable to SEQ ID NO:84 and that would act as IGF antagonists are GEEISKFYLPNC (SEQ ID NO:112), PRGVHIPNC (SEQ ID NO:113), HEDLYIPIPNC (SEQ ID NO:114), PRAVYLPNC (SEQ ID NO:115), and EVYRGAOTLYVPNC (SEQ ID NO:116), respectively. Any of these peptide 15 fragments that act as antagonists can be modified as described herein.

In an alternative embodiment, the invention provides an IGF antagonist that is not a fragment of IGFBP-2, but which can displace IGFBP, bind to IGF, and reduce binding of IGF to an IGF receptor. Preferably, the IGF antagonist does not reduce binding of insulin to an insulin receptor. Preferably, the IGF antagonist can comprise as few as three amino acids. Even more, preferably, the IGF antagonist can comprise a tripeptide, tetrapeptide, pentapeptide, hexapeptide, or heptapeptide. Alternatively, the antagonist can comprise 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, amino acids or any number of residues less than 250. Preferably, the IGF antagonist is selected during screening of a peptide library using the Phage Display technique. Even more preferably, the IGF antagonist comprises a peptide that complies with the consensus sequence WHKPRPR (SEQ ID NO:79). For example, IGF antagonists that comply with this consensus sequence and that displace bound IGFBP-2 from IGF-1 during screening of a

heptapeptide library using the Phage Display technique are as follows: FHKHRMP (SEQ ID NO:58), FHKHRTL (SEQ ID NO:59), FHKHRVS (SEQ ID NO:60), FHKPPRL (SEQ ID NO:61), FHKRYPP (SEQ ID NO:62), FHKWPRV (SEQ ID NO:63), IHKHKLR (SEQ ID NO:64), LHKYTKS (SEQ ID NO:65), WHGSWKK (SEQ ID NO:66), WHKHPRA (SEQ ID NO:67), WHKHQRL (SEQ ID NO:68), WHKHTRV (SEQ ID NO:69), WHKHYPR (SEQ ID NO:70), WHKKPIP (SEQ ID NO:71), WHKKTPP (SEQ ID NO:72), WHKPFRF (SEQ ID NO:73), WHKPRL (SEQ ID NO:74), WHKPRLY (SEQ ID NO:75), WHKPRPT (SEQ ID NO:76), WHKPWIR (SEQ ID NO:77), WHKWPQR (SEQ ID NO:78), and WHKPRPR (SEQ ID NO:79). 10 Preferably, the antagonist comprises SEQ ID NO:76 or SEQ IDNO:79. The antagonists can be modified as described herein.

The present invention also provides a fragment of IGF or modification thereof, wherein the fragment or modification thereof binds to a binding domain of IGFBP. More specifically, the fragment of IGF can be a fragment of an IGF selected from the group consisting of IGF-1 and IGF-2. The IGFBP to which the fragment or modification thereof binds can be selected from the group consisting of IGFBP-1, IGFBP-2, IGFBP-3, IGFBP-4, IGFBP-5, and IGFBP-6. Preferably, the fragment of IGF reduces binding of IGF to IGFBP by at least 5%. Thus, the fragment can reduce binding of IGF to IGFBP in the range of 5-100%. Preferably, the reduction will be 100%, 99%, 98%, 95%, 90%, 85%, 80%, 75%, 70%, 65%, 60%, 55%, 50%, 45%, 40%, 35%, 30%, 25%, 20%, 15%, 10%, or 5%. The fragment of IGF in the present invention can comprise the amino acid sequence of GPETLCG (SEQ ID NO:80) or AYRPSETLCG (SEQ ID NO:81), which are the N-termini of IGF-1 and IGF-2, 25 respectively. The IGF fragment of the claimed invention can further comprise the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:80 or SEQ ID NO:81 linked to the amino acid sequence FRS (SEQ ID NO:82) by a disulfide bond. The amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:33 represents residues 49-51 in IGF-1 and IGF-2. A cysteine residue, which is essential for proper folding of IGF, precedes SEQ ID NO:82 in native IGF. One skilled WO 00/23469 PCT/US99/23839

in the art could identify the homologous regions in IGF-1 and IGF-2, as shown in Figure 2, and identify other fragments of IGF-2 comparable to fragments of IGF-1 (e.g., amino acid residues 1-7 of IGF-1 as represented by SEQ ID NO:80 would correspond to amino acid sequence PSETLCG (SEQ ID NO:83), for example). One skilled in the art would know that the IGF fragment can be modified as discussed above for IGFBP, so long as the fragments retain the ability to bind to IGFBP. For example, the glutamate corresponding to residue three of IGF-1 could be substituted with an aspartate, another amino acid with an acidic side chain. One skilled in the art would recognize similar substitutions and modifications as described above.

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The present invention also provides a method of screening for IGFBP antagonists comprising screening a peptide library using a Phage Display technique and identifying a peptide that displaces bound IGF from IGFBP or a fragment thereof, wherein the peptide that displaces bound IGF from IGFBP is an IGFBP antagonist. The fragment of IGFBP can comprise the peptide of SEQ ID NO:84. Further provided by the invention is an IGFBP antagonist comprising a peptide identified by the present method or comprising a peptide that is a fragment of IGF.

The present invention also provides a method of screening for IGF antagonists comprising screening a peptide library using a Phage Display technique and identifying a peptide that displaces bound IGFBP from IGF or a fragment thereof, wherein the peptide that displaces bound IGFBP from IGF or a fragment thereof is an IGF antagonist. The biotinylated IGF of the present invention can be used in the method of screening for IGF antagonists.

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The present invention further provides a protein complex, comprising a peptide containing the IGF binding domain of IGFBP of the invention and an IGF fragment of the invention. The present invention also provides a protein complex, comprising a peptide containing the IGF binding domain of IGFBP and a photoaffinity derivative of

an IGF. Specifically the photoaffinity derivative can comprise a photoreactive glycine residue within an IGFBP binding domain of IGF. More specifically, the photoreactive glycine residue can be an N-terminal glycine residue. Even more specifically, the N-terminal derivative can be N^{αGly1}AB-IGF-1.

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The present invention provides a method of treating a subject with cancer, comprising administering to the subject an IGFBP binding domain peptide, wherein the peptide is preferably an IGF antagonist. The cancer can comprise a tumor that expresses an IGF receptor, more specifically, the cancer can include breast cancer or prostate cancer. The efficacy of the treatment can be evidenced by a reduction in clinical manifestations or symptoms, including, for example, the size of a tumor or reductions in the amount of IGF available for binding to an IGF receptor of the tumor. Examples of these protocols are well known in the art. For example, the fragment can be administered to subjects having an IGF-dependent tumor, and tumor size could be monitored using imaging techniques, such as MRI, mammography, or ultrasound depending on the type of tumor. Imaging could be performed, for example, twice monthly. Serum levels of IGF and IGFBP could also be measured from serum samples from the subject at regular intervals.

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For example, levels of plasma IGF-1 and IGF-2 in treated subjects can be monitored with radioimmunoassay, using an antibody specific for IGF and preferably for the IGFBP binding domain on IGF. Plasma IGF levels could be measured with and without acid dissociation of IGFs and IGFBPs in order to assess the levels of bound and unbound IGF. Thus, by comparing the IGF levels with and without acid dissociation, the amount of unbound IGF can be determined. Normal serum levels of IGF-1 and IGF-2 after acid dissociation typically range from about 90 to 320 and 288-740 µg/L, respectively. Plasma levels of the IGF antagonist can be assessed similarly using a high affinity monoclonal antibody specific for the IGF antagonist.

"Subject" as used herein can refer to any vertebrate but preferably refers to a mammal, and, more preferably, to a human.

Also, the present invention provides a method of preventing cancer in a subject,

comprising administering to the subject a peptide of the invention that is an IGF
antagonist. As used herein, "preventing" means avoiding, reducing, or delaying a
process related to a disease or injury. More specifically, the cancer can comprise a
tumor that expresses an IGF receptor, including breast cancer or prostate cancer. Even
more specifically, the IGF receptor expressed by the tumor can be an IGF-1 receptor.

Subjects for whom the preventive measures are appropriate include those with one or
more known risk factors for cancer.

The present invention further provides a method of treating a subject with a diabetic complication exacerbated by IGF, comprising administering to the an IGF antagonist. Specifically, the diabetic complication can include diabetic retinopathy or diabetic nephropathy. Also provided are methods of preventing diabetic complications exacerbated by IGF, comprising administering to the subject an IGF antagonist. The efficacy of the treatment can be evidenced by a reduction in clinical manifestations or symptoms, including, for example, improved renal clearance, improved vision, or a reduction in the amount of IGF available for binding to the IGF receptor.

Further provided is a method of treating a subject with an ischemic injury, comprising administering to the subject the IGF fragment or IGFBP antagonist of the invention, thereby reducing the ischemic injury in the subject. The ischemic injury can be reduced indirectly by the IGF fragment or IGFBP antagonist binding to the IGFBPs, thereby increasing the IGF available for binding to the IGF receptor. Ischemic injuries can include strokes, myocardial ischemia, and ischemic injury to the kidneys. The IGF fragment or IGFBP antagonist of the claimed invention can also be used in methods of treating subjects with other diseases and injuries, wherein higher circulating levels of

IGF are desired. For example, a method of treating a subject with diabetes is provided, comprising administering to the subject the IGF fragment or IGFBP antagonist, thereby reducing blood glucose levels in the subject. Other diseases or injuries that can also be treated with the IGF fragment or IGFBP antagonist of the claimed invention include neurologic diseases and injuries, including, for example, Parkinson's disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, head trauma, multiple sclerosis and other neurologic disorders. IGF receptor activation can increase neurite sprouting and thereby provide clinical benefits. Also included are diseases in which building bone and connective tissue is desired, including, for example, osteoporosis and arthritis. Similarly, administration of the IGF fragment or IGFBP antagonist of the claimed invention could be used to prevent or reduce the effects of ischemic injury or diseases characterized by reduced IGF activation of the IGF receptor.

The peptides of the present invention can be administered orally, parenterally, intraventricularly, topically, transdermally, transdermally, extracorporeally, topically or the like, although oral or topical administration is typically preferred. Parenteral administration of the peptides of the present invention, if used, is generally characterized by injection. Injectables can be prepared in conventional forms, either as liquid solutions or suspensions, solid forms suitable for solution of suspension in liquid prior to injection, or as emulsions. As used herein, "parenteral administration" includes intradermal, subcutaneous, intramuscular, intraperitoneal, intravenous and intratracheal routes. A more recently revised approach for parenteral administration involves use of a slow release or sustained release system such that a constant dosage is maintained. See, e.g., U.S. Patent No. 3,610,795, which is incorporated by reference herein. The fragments can also be administered using polymer based delivery systems, including, for example, microencapsulation as described in Langer. The peptides of the present invention can be administered using gene therapy methods of delivery. See, e.g., U.S. Patent No. 5,399,346, which is incorporated by reference herein. Using a gene therapy method of delivery, primary cells transfected with the gene for the peptides of the

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present invention can additionally be transfected with tissue specific promoters or tumor specific promoters to target specific organs or tissue, including, for example, kidney of breast. An example of a tissue specific promoter for breast is MMTV.

The exact amount of such peptides required will vary from subject to subject, depending on the species, age, weight and general condition of the subject, the severity of the disease that is being treated, the particular compound used, its mode of administration, and the like. A preferred range for doses of the peptides of the present invention is 1.0-1,000 mg/kg of body weight once per day. More preferably, the dosage range for the IGF antagonist of the present invention is 0.1 to 10 mg/kg of body weight when administered subcutaneously or intramuscularly. Necessary modifications in this dosage range may be determined by one of ordinary skill in the art using only routine experimentation given the teachings herein. See Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences (Martin, E.W., ed., latest edition), Mack Publishing Co., Easton, PA.

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Depending on the intended mode of administration, the peptides of the present invention can be in pharmaceutical compositions in the form of solid, semi-solid or liquid dosage forms, such as, for example, tablets, suppositories, pills, capsules, powders, liquids, suspensions, lotions, creams, gels, or the like, preferably in unit dosage form suitable for single administration of a precise dosage. The compositions will include, as noted above, an effective amount of the selected antagonist or fragment in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and, in addition, may include other medicinal agents, pharmaceutical agents, carriers, adjuvants, diluents, etc. By "pharmaceutically acceptable" is meant a material that is not biologically or otherwise undesirable, i.e., the material may be administered to an individual along with the selected antagonist or fragment without causing any undesirable biological effects or interacting in a deleterious manner with any of the other components of the pharmaceutical composition in which it is contained.

For solid compositions, conventional nontoxic solid carriers include, for example, pharmaceutical grades of mannitol, lactose, starch, magnesium stearate, sodium saccharin, talc, cellulose, glucose, sucrose, magnesium carbonate, and the like. Liquid pharmaceutically administrable compositions can, for example, be prepared by dissolving, dispersing, etc. an active compound as described herein and optional pharmaceutical adjuvants in an excipient, such as, for example, water, saline, aqueous dextrose, glycerol, ethanol, and the like, to thereby form a solution or suspension. If desired, the pharmaceutical composition to be administered may also contain minor amounts of nontoxic auxiliary substances such as wetting or emulsifying agents, pH buffering agents and the like, for example, sodium acetate, sorbitan monolaurate, triethanolamine sodium acetate, triethanolamine oleate, etc. Actual methods of preparing such dosage forms are known, or will be apparent, to those skilled in this art; for example, see *Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences*, E.W. Martin, (ed.), Mack Publishing Co., Easton, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

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For oral administration, fine powders or granules may contain diluting, dispersing, and/or surface active agents, and may be presented in water or in a syrup, in capsules or sachets in the dry state, or in a nonaqueous solution or suspension wherein suspending agents may be included, in tablets wherein binders and lubricants may be included, or in a suspension in water or a syrup. Where desirable or necessary, flavoring, preserving, suspending, thickening, or emulsifying agents may be included. Tablets and granules are preferred oral administration forms, and these may be coated.

Parenteral administration, if used, is generally characterized by injection.

25 Injectables can be prepared in conventional forms, either as liquid solutions or suspensions, solid forms suitable for solution or suspension in liquid prior to injection, or as emulsions. A more recently revised approach for parenteral administration involves use of a slow release or sustained release system, such that a constant level of dosage is maintained.

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The present invention provides a nucleic acid that encodes a peptide comprising an IGF binding domain on an IGFBP or modification thereof, which binds IGF with at least about the same binding affinity as the full length IGFBP. The present invention also provides a means for expressing a recombinant peptide comprising an IGF binding domain on an IGFBP or modification thereof, which binds IGF with at least about the same binding affinity as the full length IGFBP. Specifically, a vector for the expression of the peptide, comprising the nucleic acid of the present invention, is provided. The nucleic acid can be in any vector of choice, such as a plasmid or a viral vector, and the method of transfer into the cell can be chosen accordingly. More specifically, the vector can be a plasmid. Even more specifically, the vector can comprise a promoter functionally linked to one of the nucleic acids of the present invention. "Vector" means any carrier containing foreign DNA. "Vectors" include but are not limited to plasmids, viral nucleic acids, viruses, phage nucleic acids, phages, cosmids, and artificial chromosomes. As known in the art, nucleic acids can be modified for particular expression, such as by using a particular cell- or tissue-specific promoter, by using a promoter that can be readily induced, or by selecting a particularly strong promoter, if desired. One skilled in the art would recognize that to achieve expression of a correctly folded/disulfide-bonded binding domain from the C-terminal of a protein, the sequence encoding the signal peptide and the initial N-terminal amino acids of the mature protein would also need to be included. The sequences encoding the initial N-terminal amino acids necessary to achieve expression of a correctly folded/disulfide-bonded binding domain would preferably include the sequences for the initial 10 amino acids of the Nterminal region of the mature IGFBP; more preferably, the sequences for 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3. 2. or 1 amino acids of the N-terminal region of mature IGFBP would be included.

Also provided is a cell containing an exogenous nucleic acid comprising one of the nucleic acids of the present invention. A method of expressing the recombinant protein produced by the transformed cells comprising optimizing active IGF binding by the recombinant protein is also provided. More specifically, the cell can be an *Escherichia coli*, yeast cell, or CHO cell.

The invention also provides an isolated IGF-1, wherein one residue of the IGF-1 is biotinylated. and wherein the biotinylated IGF-1 has a high affinity for IGFBP-2. Preferably, the affinity of the biotinylated IGF-1 for IGFBP-2 is comparable to the affinity of unmodified IGF-1 for IGFBP-2, and more preferably in the range of about 300 to 50 pM (K_D) in a competition binding assay. Preferably the biotinylated IGF-1 is selected from the group consisting of N^{aGly1}-, N^{aLysts}-, and N^{aLyst27}- monobiotinylated IGF-1. The monobiotinylated IGF-1 can be homogeneous or various monobiotinylated isoforms can be combined; however, the biotinylated IGF-1 is relatively free of tribiotinylated and tetrabiotinylated IGF-1. By relatively free of tribiotinylated and tetrabiotinylated IGF-1 is meant that more than 80-100% of the biotinylated IGF-1 is monobiotinylated or dibiotinylated and that no more than about 20% of the biotinylated IGF-1 is tribiotinylated or tetrabiotinylated.

The following examples are intended to illustrate, but not limit, the invention. While they are typical of those that might be used, other procedures known to those skilled in the art may be alternatively employed.

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As used in the specification and in the claims, "a" can mean one or more, depending upon the context in which it is used.

EXAMPLES

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EXAMPLE 1

Photoaffinity Derivative of IGF

The N-terminal glycine α-NH2-group of IGF-1 was derivatized with the photoaffinity reagent, N-hydroxysuccinimido-4-azidobenzoate (HSAB) to yield an IGF-1 photoprobe capable of selectively labeling the IGF-1 binding domain on the IGFBPs (See Galardy, 1974). The advantage of this approach is that the photoreactive group is present within the region shown to be essential for IGF-1 binding to the IGFBPs (See Szabo, 1988). In this report we describe the synthesis and characterization of N^{αGly1}AB-IGF-1.

Materials Human recombinant IGF-1 was generously provided by Genentech,

Inc. (South San Francisco, CA). HSAB was synthesized from para-aminobenzoic acid, sodium azide (Sigma Chemicals, Inc. St. Louis, MO) and dicyclohexyl carbodiimide (Pierce Chemical Co, Rockford, IL) and purified according to the method described by Galardy et al. (1974). The cDNA encoding hIGFBP-2 was obtained from Joerg Landwehr, Roche Biotech, Basel, SZ. Affi-gel agarose was from BioRad. HPLC columns were from Vydac Instruments (Hesperia, CA). All other materials were of reagent grade.

Synthesis and Purification of N^{αGly1}AB-IGF-1. Recombinant human IGF-1 (Genentech; 1 mg; 130 nmol) was reacted with a 10- fold molar excess of HSAB (0.34 mg; 1.3 μmol) for 1 h at 23 °C. Unreacted ester was quenched by the addition of 30 μl of ethanolamine for 30 min and the entire reaction mixture was lyophilized. It should be noted that all derivatizations and handling of photoprobes were carried out under subdued lighting or under a red safety light. The lyophilized reaction mixture was dissolved in 0.5 M acetic acid and 10 μl of trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) and chromatographed on a C18 column equilibrated in 0.1% TFA/24% acetonitrile at a flow rate of 1 ml/min. After 20 min a linear gradient from 24-60% acetonitrile was developed over 60 min to elute IGF-1 and the reaction products.

In addition to unreacted IGF-1 (peak 1), 3 major products are obtained. Analysis of these peaks by acidic polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis in 8 M urea has revealed that all three derivatized IGF-1s are monosubstituted, thus exhibiting the loss of 1 net positive charge. Peak 2 represents the elution position of N^{ELys27}(azidobenzoyl)IGF-1 (See Yip, 1993). Peaks 3 and 4 have been identified as N^{ELys68}(azidobenzoyl)IGF-1 and N^{GGly1}AB-IGF-1, respectively based on amino acid sequencing analysis.

Peak 4 was subsequently collected from two separate reactions, pooled, dried in a Speed Vac (Savant Instruments, Farmingdale, NY) and further purified on a C18 column equilibrated in 50 mM triethanolamine-phosphate, pH 3.0 and eluted with a gradient of 27.5-38% acetonitrile. The peak was collected and its identity as N^{aGly1}AB-IGF-1 was verified.

Pepsin Digestion of N^{αGly1}AB-IGF-1 IGF-1 and N^{αGly1}AB-IGF-1 were digested with pepsin (at an enzyme:substrate ratio of 1:20) in 0.01M HCl for 5 h at room temperature (See Huynh, 1996). The sample was then injected onto a C18 column equilibrated in 0.1% TFA and the fragments were eluted using a linear gradient of 0 to 60% acetonitrile over 90 min. The pepsin cleavage sites and the AE fragment are shown in Figure 3. The AE fragment for N^{αGly1}AB-IGF-1, which exhibited a significant shift in retention time compared to the underivatized IGF-1 was analyzed by MALDI. Further analysis of this fragment on a Finnigan-Mat LCQ ion trap MS confirmed the predicted sequence. These results clearly indicate that the azidobenzoyl derivative of IGF-1 eluting as peak 4 in the HPLC column profile is N^{αGly1}AB-IGF-1 and that it is photoactivatable.

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EXAMPLE 2

Identification and Characterization of the IGF binding domain on rhIGFBP-2

Preparation and Purification of rhIGFBP-2 A Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) cell expression system was used for its convenience and high yield of correctly folded,

functional protein (approximately 0.5 to 1 liter of conditioned medium per week with a concentration of rhIGFBP-2 of 3 mg/L as the final yield of purified protein). Dihydrofolate reductase (DHFR) minus CHO cells were cotransfected with cDNAs encoding DHFR and hIGFBP-2 (Joerg Landwehr, Basel, Switzerland). Stable transfectants were selected in nucleoside-free medium. The transfected genes were subsequently amplified by exposing the cells to increasing doses of methotrexate. The highest rhIGFBP-2 producing clone, based on Coomassie staining of equal aliquots of medium was expanded. Cells are grown in roller bottles and the medium is collected from serum-starved cells weekly. Conditioned medium (CM) was dialyzed against 0.1% acetic acid and lyophilized. The lyophilized proteins were subsequently purified 10 by sequential IGF-1-agarose affinity chromatography and reversed phase HPLC.

rhIGFBP-2 elution profile on C4 reverse phase column Lyophilized conditioned medium was dissolved in 50 mM HEPES, pH 7.4 containing 0.15 M NaCl (column buffer) and added to a slurry (5 ml) of IGF-1-agarose. This mixture was gently rocked for 24 h at 4°C, packed into a column and washed with 20 ml of column buffer followed by elution with 1.0 M acetic acid (10 ml). The eluate was dried in vacuo in a Speed Vac concentrator, dissolved in 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) and injected onto a C4 column. Fractions 24 and 27 from the C4 column were resolved on a 10% acrylamide SDS gel under non-reducing conditions and transferred to nitrocellulose. 20 Proteins were visualized by immunoblotting with an anti-IGFBP-2 antibody (Upstate Biotechnology, Inc., Lake Placid), peroxidase-labeled secondary (Chemicon, Temecula, CA) and Enhanced Chemiluminescence (ECL - Amersham, Arlington Heights, IL). The identity of the rhIGFBP-2 generated by the CHO cells was verified by MALDI-TOF MS. These data corroborate with the amino acid sequence/cDNA sequence of the 25 plasmid used to transfect the cells. The concentration of our stock vials of rhIGFBP-2 are determined on the basis of amino acid analysis, which was then correlated with its extinction coefficient, using an absorbance value of 0.713 for a 1 mg/ml solution of rhIGFBP-2 in distilled water.

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Elution profile of rhIGFBP-2 following extended incubation For this preparation, conditioned medium was concentrated in an Amicon concentrator and allowed to stand at 4°C for 48 hours before purification. This resulted in increased formation of a fragment having a molecular mass of 15.8 kDa by MALDI-TOF-MS. The 15.8 kDa fragment was only detected by immunoblot in gels run under non-reducing conditions with a commercial (UBI) polyclonal antiserum (anti-BP-2). This suggests the fragment is composed of multiple polypeptides linked by disulfide bonds. The fragment was not reactive with a site-specific anti-peptide antibody (anti-peptide) raised against residues 119-128, suggesting that the fragment lacks that epitope.

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MALDI-TOF-MS profile of rhIGFBP-2 An aliquot of purified rhIGFBP-2 was analyzed by MALDI-TOF-MS to confirm its molecular mass. The spectrum indicates a highly purified protein with an apparent mass of 31,454 Da. The predicted mass is 31,323 Da.

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MALDI-TOF-MS profile of the rhIGFBP-2 fragment An aliquot of purified fragment was analyzed by MALDI-TOF-MS. The spectrum indicates the presence of a singly charged component of 15,820 Da. The other major peak identified at 7,927 m/2 represents the double-charged ion.

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Inhibition of cell growth by rhIGFBP-2 MCF-7 human mammary carcinoma cells were used in a proliferation-based bioassay to demonstrate the efficacy of rhIGFBP-2 in blocking both exogenously added IGF-1 and endogenous IGF-2 action. Cells grown in 24- well plates in phenol red free RPMI and 10% fetal bovine serum were starved of serum for 24 h, washed with PBS and stimulated as indicated. Purified rhIGFBP-2 was added to the indicated wells at 20 or 100 nM final concentration. The wash and treatments were repeated at 48 h and the cells were harvested and counted at 96 h. Shown are average cell numbers as a percent of control (unstimulated cells in the absence of rhIGFBP-2) for triplicate wells. rhIGFBP-2 inhibition of an IGF-2:IGF-1R

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autocrine loop significantly reduced the basal growth of these cells in the absence of exogenously added IGF-1.

IGFBP-2 binding assay Soluble IGFBP-2 binding assays were carried out using polyethylene glycol precipitation and centrifugation (See Bourner, 1992). Briefly, one nanogram of rhIGFBP-2 is combined with various concentrations of IGF-1 ranging from 50 pM to 10 nM in binding assay buffer (100 mM HEPES pH 7.4, 44 mM NaHCO3, 0.01% BSA, 0.01% Triton X-100, 0.02 % NaN3) followed by addition of 10 nCi IGF-1 (Amersham Radiochemicals, Clearbrook, IL). After a 4 hr incubation at room temperature, 250 µl 0.5% bovine gamma globulin is added followed by 500 mL 10 25% polyethylene glycol (avg. MW 8000; Sigma Chemicals, Inc. St. Louis, MO). The samples are incubated for 10 min at room temperature and centrifuged 3 min at 13 krpm. The pellets were washed with 1 ml 6.25% PEG and counted in a gamma counter for total counts bound. Counts bound in the presence of 1 µM IGF-1 are subtracted to obtain specific binding.

In soluble competition binding assays, the North AB-IGF-1 displayed an identical affinity to IGF-1 for binding to rhIGFBP-2. Both were found to have a KD of 300 pM.

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Photoaffinity labeling of rhIGFBP-2 Equimolar quantities (7 nmol) of NaGlyl AB-IGF-1 and rhIGFBP-2 were allowed to attain equilibrium binding by coincubation for 4h at 23°C. The sample was then placed in ice water and irradiated for 120 sec with a uv lamp (300 nm) at a distance of 2 cm (320 nm, 8 watts; Fotodyne hand lamp. Fotodyne Corp.). The sample was boiled in SDS sample buffer and resolved on a 10% acrylamide SDS gel under reducing conditions. The proteins were transferred to nitrocellulose and probed with monoclonal anti-IGF-1 antibodies. The blot was then stripped at 60°C in buffer containing SDS and β-mercaptoethanol, washed and reprobed with polyclonal anti-IGFBP-2 antibodies (both from UBI, Lake Placid).

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An aliquot of the sample was then subjected to immunoblot analysis. In addition to rhIGFBP-2 migrating in its normal position of about 32 kDa, a second component migrating at about 40 kDa was observed. The 40 kDa complex also stained with the anti-IGF-1 antibodies, demonstrating that the photoprobe, N^{aGly1}AB-IGF-1, is functional both in terms of its high affinity binding interaction with rhIGFBP-2 and its efficient photoincorporation. In the latter case we estimate that approximately 40% of the bound probe was incorporated into the binding protein.

The photolabeling efficiency of the Gly-1 derivatized IGF-1 photoprobe was

compared to the Lys-27 derivatized IGF-1 photoprobe. Equal amounts of rhIGFBP-2

(20 μg) were incubated with N^{mGly1}AB-IGF-1 or N^{mLys27}AB-IGF-1 for 1h at 23 °C in the absence or presence of excess IGF-1. The samples were then placed on ice and photolyzed with a 320 nm UV lamp (8 watts) for 120 min. The samples were then resolved on a 10% acrylamide SDS gel under reducing conditions. The gel was stained with copper and scanned with transmitted light. The N^{mGly1}AB-IGF-1 photoprobe consistently demonstrated approximately double the labeling efficiency over the N^{mLys27}AB-IGF-1 probe, consistent with the presumed interactions of the N-terminal of IGF-1 with the binding proteins.

The photoincorporation site in rhIGFBP-2 of the N^{αGly1} AB-IGF-1 was identified. One mg of rhIGFBP-2 was photolabeled with 200 μg of N^{αGly1} AB-IGF-1. Following reduction and alkylation, the IGF-1-IGFBP-2 complex formed was isolated by SDS-PAGE. The complex was identified by copper staining of the gel and the appropriate region was excised. Protein complexes were eluted from the gel by trypsin digestion overnight at 37°C.

Using MALDI-TOF-MS of IGF-1, rhIGFBP-2 and the IGF-1-IGFBP-2 complex, a loss of the peak with a mass of 2770, corresponding to residues 266-287 of IGFBP-2 and 1-21 of IGF-1 was observed. Instead, a new component with a mass of

5,301 was detected, consisting of the N-terminal tryptic fragment of the photoprobe covalently attached to C-terminal tryptic fragment of IGFBP-2.

Comparison of IGF-1 binding affinities between rhIGFBP-2 and its 15.8 kDa fragment Aliquots (1 ng) of rhIGFBP-2 or the 15.8 kDa fragment were analyzed in a soluble competition binding assays described herein. These exciting preliminary results indicate that the 15.8 kDa fragment retains high affinity binding characteristics of the intact binding protein. These findings underscore the potential for success of our goal of generating low molecular weight peptide-based antagonists of the IGFs. Structural 10 analysis of this fragment will complement our photoaffinity labeling studies on rhIGFBP-2. We are presently evaluating several ways of increasing the production of the 15.8 kDa fragment by the CHO cell cultures. In the process we will determine if additional smaller, functional fragments are generated.

HPLC profile of reduced and alkylated rhIGFBP-2 fragment Approximately 50 ug of the 15.8 kDa fragment of rhIGFBP-2 was reduced and alkylated with TCEP and 4- vinylpyridine. Three broad peaks were identified, suggesting that this fragment may be comprised of a small number of relatively large peptides (e.g., three major peptides/domains).

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Analysis of the tryptic fragments present in the 15.8 kDa fragment An aliquot of the fragment was digested with trypsin. The reaction was stopped with TFA and the tryptic peptides generated were analyzed by MALDI-TOF- MS. The contiguous peptide sequences detected by MALDI are shown in Figure 5. Consistent with our immunoblot data, a fragment containing the epitope was not found. Importantly, as predicted from our photoaffinity labeling studies, the C-terminal region of IGFBP-2 is present in the 15.8 kDa IGFBP-2 fragment. The peptide sequence analysis is shown in Figure 5.

The identified IGF binding domain of IGFBP-2 is shown in Figure 7. The peptide sequences corresponding to residues 226 through 289 of IGFBP-2 constitute the binding domain. This sequence contains disulfide bonds between residue 249 and 270 and between residues 236 and 247. The glutamine residue 277 was the site of attachment for the IGF-1 photoprobe. Residue 281 can be either C or R, without changing the biologic activity of the IGFBP-2. The contact site for the N-terminal Gly residue of the probe is with the sequence comprising residues 266 through 287, whereas the binding domain, necessary for high affinity binding, includes additional upstream and downstream residues as shown. The residues proximal to Q-277 are required for IGF docking to IGFBP-2.

EXAMPLE 3

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Using a modification of the method of Gansler et al. (Am. J. Pathol. 135: 961-966), the effectiveness of treatment of an IGF-dependent tumor can be assessed using an IGFBP fragment. Adult male athymic mice can be subcutaneously heterotransplanted with either MCF-7 human breast cancer cells or human Wilms tumor cells. After one week, animals with visible nodules can be treated with either the IGFBP fragment or a scrambled peptide as a control. The diameters of the nodules can be measured every 2-3 days for 8 weeks, and serum levels of IGF-1 and IGFBPs quantified. After 8 weeks, the animals can be sacrificed and the tumors examined histologically. The effectiveness of the treatment can be determined based on the ability of the fragment to reduce or prevent the growth of the tumor as compared to the control peptide.

25 EXAMPLE 4

To express correctly folded/disulfide-bonded C terminal fragments of IGFBP-2 as a secreted protein, a 5' segment of the IGFBP-2 -DNA containing the sequence for the signal peptide and the initial two N-terminal amino acids of the mature protein was generated. Using standard techniques known in the art (Molecular Cloning, eds.

Sambrook, Fritsch, and Maniatis, 1989), pCMV-IGFBP2 was digested with BsgI, blunt ended and digested with EcoRI. The appropriate fragment (BP2N) was gel purified and ligated into pBluescript-SK (Stratagene) and digested with SmaI and EcoRI.

To generate the 3' segment, PCR primers were synthesized flanking the C-terminal region of interest (i.e., residues 228-289 and 187-289 containing 4 and 6 cysteine residues, respectively). The 5' primer included sequences for a BamH I restriction site and for the FLAG epitope, immediately upstream of the native IGFBP-2 sequence. The 3' primer was based on the pCMV backbone sequence downstream of the XbaI site 3' to the C-terminus of IGFBP-2. The PCR product was gel purified, digested with BamH I and XbaI and ligated into SK-BP2N digested with the same enzymes. The new construct was excised intact with EcoRI, inserted into pCMV and expressed in CHO cells as described for intact IGFBP-2. The FLAG-BP2 C-terminal proteins were purified over an anti-FLAG affinity column, digested with enterokinase to remove the FLAG and N-terminal components and HPLC purified.

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EXAMPLE 5

The present example describes biotinylation of IGF-1 and its subsequent purification into isoforms with differing biological activities. Human recombinant IGF-1 (Genentech, Inc., South San Francisco, CA) was reacted with a 2.5-fold molar excess of NHS-biotin (Pierce Chemical Co., Rockford, IL) for 10 min at 23°C in 0.1M NaP, pH 7.4. The reaction was terminated by addition of a 10-fold molar excess of Tris over NHS and the mixture was purified by reverse phase HPLC on a C18 column (300 Å pore size; Vydac Corp., Hesperia, CA) equilibrated in 50 mM triehanolamine-phosphate, pH 3.0, and eluted with a gradient of 27.5-38% acetonitrile. Several peaks were observed, which were later identified to be mono-, di-, tri- and tetra-biotinylated isoforms of biotinylated IGF. Each peak was pooled separately and dried in vacuo on a SpeedVac apparatus (Savant Instrument Co., Garden City, NY.). The peaks were rechromatograhed on a C18 column equilibrated in 24% acetonitrile in 0.1% TFA, and eluted with a linear gradient of 24%-48% acetonitrile over 40 min. Purified peaks were

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dried and stored at -20°C. Mono-, di-, tri- and tetra-biotinylated isoforms of biotinylated IGF were determined using matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization time-of-flight mass spectrometry (MALDI-TOF-MS), described below, and the three mono-biotinlyated isoforms were subjected to trypsin digestion in order to determine precise placement of the biotin. Trypsin digestion was done using protocols standard in the field, and trypsinized samples were resolved on a C18 column equilibrated in 0.1% TFA and eluted with a linear gradient of 0-60% acetonitrile in 0.1% TFA over 100 min, so that each peak could be collected separately.

Purified isoforms of biotinylated IGF-1, and trypsinized derivatives of monobiotinylated IGF1, were analyzed by matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization time-of-flight mass spectrometry (MALDI-TOF-MS). Dried aliquots of each peak were dissolved in 70% acetonitrile/0.1% TFA and mixed 2:1 with matrix (α-cyano-4-hydroxycinnamic acid) in 70% acetonitrile/0.1% TFA. This mixture was spotted on the sample plate and analyzed on a PerSeptive Biosystems (Framinham, MA) Voyager-DE MALDI-TOF mass spectrometer equipped with a 337 nm laser. A delayed extraction source was operated in linear mode (1.2 m ion flight path, 20 kV accelerating voltage), yielding an instrumental resolution of approximately 700 (full width at half maximum) at m/z 1297.5. One mass spectrum was based on 256 average mass scans. External mass calibration was routinely performed using angiotensin I (MW 1297.5) and bovine insulin (MW 5734.54) as standards. Mass Accuracy was +/-2 Da.

MALDI-TOF-MS analysis of the three mono-biotinylated isoforms of IGF-1 revealed them to be biotinylated at Lys 27, Lys65, and Gly1. The isoform biotinylated at Lys65/68 was found to bind IGFBP-2 with as great an affinity as un-biotinylated IGF, while the tetra-biotinylated isoform had a significantly reduced binding affinity. Thus, purification and use of K^{65/68}-Biotin-IGF-1 in binding assays with IGFBP-2 is safer than use of ¹²⁵I-IGF and binds with affinity equivalent to IGF and ¹²⁵I-IGF, a

surprising improvement over the mixed solutions of biotinylated isoforms described in earlier studies.

EXAMPLE 6

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Biotinylated IGFs were used to screen a library of randomly generated peptides for peptides capable of competing with IGFBP-2 for binding to IGF. The Phage Display technique, using the Ph.D.-7 Phage Display Kit™ obtained from New England Biolabs, Inc., was used for this screening. A peptide library was obtained consisting of randomly generated peptides inserted into the pIII coat protein of the phage M13. This library was combined with a 250 ng/mL solution of IGF that has been biotinlyated at Lys65 (K65-Biotin-IGF-1). All phage containing peptides capable of binding IGF-1, including those capable of binding IGF-1 at a site where they can effectively compete with IGFBP-2 for binding, bound the free IGF-1, forming IGF-1-M13 complexes. The IGF-1-M13 complexes, and unbound M13, were placed on a Avidin-coated tissue culture plate, to which only the IGF-1-M13 complexes would bind. Unbound M13 was washed away with a solution of 0.1% Tween-20 in TBS, then the phage were eluted with IGF-1, leaving the biotinylated IGF-1 bound to the Avidin on the plate. These phage were then amplified to form a secondary phage library enhanced for phage capable of binding to IGF-1. Phage from this secondary library were combined with fresh K⁶⁵-Biotin-IGF-1, and these new IGF-1-M13 complexes were bound to Avidin on a tissue culture plate as described above. A more stringent wash with TBS containing 0.2% Tween-20 was performed, then an elution using IGFBP-2 elutes those phage which were capable of binding IGF-1 at a site where they could effectively compete with IGFBP-2 for binding to IGF-1. These phage were amplified, forming a library of phage containing peptides that act as insulin growth factor antagonists. This second round of screening was duplicated twice again, additionally purifying the phage library for peptides capable of binding IGF-1 at a site where they could effectively compete with IGFBP-2 for binding to IGF-1. DNA from individual M13 phage were isolated and the inserted regions of their pIII genes were sequenced. These sequences were

translated and aligned to determine a consensus sequence. Some peptides selected based on their ability to compete with IGFBP-2 for binding to IGF-1 during screening of a heptapeptide library using the Phage Display technique include the amino acid sequences corresponding to SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO:64, SEQ ID NO:65, SEQ ID NO:66, SEQ ID NO:67, SEQ ID NO:68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:79.

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Using a second IGF-1 photoprobe, N^{aGly1}(bed)-IGF-1, a biotin moiety was introduced at the site of IGF-1 insertion into IGFBP-2. The biotin moiety was transferred to IGFBP-2 upon binding to N^{aGly1}(bed)-IGF-1, allowing isolation of a biotinylated peptide of IGFBP-2 from the IGF-1 binding site.

The photoprobe was produced by reacting Sulfo-SBED (Pierce Chemical Co., , Rockford, IL) with IGF-1 to produce N^{αGly1}(bed)-IGF-1 as described above in Example 1 for the synthesis and purification of N^{αGly1}AB-IGF-1, except that a ratio of 2.5 to 1 for SBED to IGF-1 was used in the present method. As with the use of HSAB, four products were eluted, which included unreacted IGF-1 (peak 1) and three reacted IGFs (peaks 2-4). Peak 4 was the Gly¹ derivative N^{αGly1}(bed)-IGF-1.

The photoprobe was covalently inserted into IGFBP-2 by reaction with N^{αGly1}(bed)-IGF-1 (125 μg N^{αGly1}(bed)-IGF-1/500μg IGFBP-2) using the method of Example 2. Samples were reduced and alkylated with TCEP and 4-vinylpyridene, releasing the IGF-1. Aliquots of the reduced and alkylated photolabeled complex were analyzed by electrophoresis followed by immunoblotting with a polyclonal anti-IGFBP-2 antibody or by probing the blot with avidin-peroxidase. A non-reduced form of the photolabeled complex was not reactive with avidin, presumably because the biotin moiety was buried in IGFBP-2. The reduced and alkylated photolabeled

complex, having lost its IGF-1 component, migrates with an apparent mass equivalent to free IFGBP-2.

Reduced and alkylated photolabeled complex was trypsin digested and the
resulting biotinylated peptides were isolated by avidin affinity chromatography.
Specifically, the treated complexes were applied to a column of monomeric-avidin.
Several peaks were eluted, of which peaks 3 and 4 corresponded to biotinylated peptides. Using MALDI-TOF-MS analysis of the monomeric-avidin column eluate,
Peak 4 was identified as having a mass of 2,595.7 Da. After correcting the observed
mass for the associated biotin and spacer, the peak was identified as a tryptic peptide 212-227, a C-terminal fragment of IGFBP-2.

EXAMPLE 8

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To measure potential interactions between IGFBP-mimetic peptides and IGF-1, BiaCore ® 3000 technology (Biacore International AB, Uppsala, Sweden) was used to allow visualization of macromolecular interactions in "real time." This instrument utilizes a sensor chip containing four flow cells. Two of the four cells were decorated with a specific target molecule. The other two cells served as background controls. A sensor chip SA (Streptavidin coated) was used because the high affinity of avidin for biotin allowed non-covalent attachment of biotinylated molecules to the sensor chip. IGF-1 biotinylated on residue Lysine-65, as used in the phage display procedure above, was immobilized, allowing optimal presentation of the IGFBP-binding domain from the sensor chip surface. Subsequently, the potential IGFBP mimetic analytes were added, and changes in refractive index resulting from specific interactions between the analyte and the surface bound target were detected and displayed in sensorgrams. The sensorgram for an injection of IGFBP-2 (1µg/10µl) is presented in Figure 15. The gray profile represents an identical injection of analyte into the control flow cell (SA only), providing the signal for non-specific binding and bulk flow effects. The difference between these two signals is the specific binding of IGFBP-2 to IGF-1 (300 response

units). This approach was taken for the analysis of all of the following synthetic, amidated peptides: WHKPRPT (SEQ ID NO:76), WHKPRPR (SEQ ID NO:79), CHLFYNEQQEARGVHT (SEQ ID NO:128), ERGPLEHLYSLHIPNC (SEQ ID NO:84), and CVNPNTGKLIQGAPTI (SEQ ID NO:129). The synthetic, amidated peptides were not purified prior to the assay and were only 80-95% pure. The peptides corresponding to SEQ ID NO:76 and SEQ ID NO:79 showed significant specific binding activity. (See Figures 16 and 17, respectively.) The peptide corresponding to SEQ ID NO:84 exhibited almost the same maximal binding as IGFBP-2. (See Figures 18 and 16, respectively.) The maximal binding for the peptide corresponding to SEQ ID NO:84 was 18 μg (100μM) as compared to 1μg (3.2 μM) for IGFBP-2 at approximately 5.7% of the mass of IGFBP-2 (1,878 for the peptide corresponding to SEQ ID NO:84 to 31,453 Daltons for IGFBP-2.) The difference in mass may account for the lower response units observed for the peptide corresponding to SEQ ID NO:84. The peptides corresponding to SEQ ID NO:128 and SEQ ID NO:129, however, had no significant binding. (Data not shown.) 15

EXAMPLE 9

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A peptide library is also screened using a Phage Display technique in order to identify IGFBP antagonists. A fragment of biotinylated IGFBP (e.g., the peptide of SEQ ID NO:84) is used to screen a library of randomly generated peptides for peptides capable of competing with IGF-1 for binding to IGFBP-2. The Phage Display technique as described above is modified for this screening. The peptide library of randomly generated peptides inserted into the pIII coat protein of the phage M13 is combined with a 250 ng/mL solution of IGFBP-2 fragment that is biotinylated. All 25 phage containing peptides capable of binding IGFBP-2 fragment, including those capable of the binding IGFBP-2 fragment at a site where they can effectively compete with IGF-1 for binding, binds the free IGFBP-2 fragment, forming IGFBP-2 fragment-M13 complexes. The IGFBP-2 fragment-M13 complexes, and unbound M13, are placed on a Avidin-coated tissue culture plate, to which only the IGFBP-2

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fragment-M13 complexes bind. Unbound M13 is washed away with a solution of 0.1% Tween-20 in TBS, then the phage are eluted with IGFBP-2 fragment, leaving the biotinylated IGFBP-2 fragment bound to the Avidin on the plate. These phage are then amplified to form a secondary phage library enhanced for phage capable of binding to IGFBP-2 fragment. Phage from this secondary library are combined with fresh biotinylated IGFBP-2 fragment, and these new IGFBP-2 fragment-M13 complexes are bound to Avidin on a tissue culture plate and washed as described above. Those phage which are capable of binding IGFBP-2 at a site where they could effectively compete with IGF-1 for binding to IGFBP-2 are eluted with IGF-1. These phage are amplified, forming a library of phage containing peptides that act as IGFBP antagonists. This second round of screening is duplicated twice and the phage library is additionally purified. DNA from individual M13 phage are isolated and the inserted regions of their pIII genes are sequenced. These sequences are translated and aligned to determine a consensus sequence. Peptides are then selected based on their ability to compete with IGF-1 for binding to the IGFBP-2 fragment during screening of a heptapeptide library 15 using the Phage Display technique.

Throughout this application, various publications are referenced. The disclosures of these publications in their entireties are hereby incorporated by reference into this application in order to more fully describe the state of the art to which this invention pertains.

Although the present process has been described with reference to specific details of certain embodiments thereof, it is not intended that such details should be regarded as limitations upon the scope of the invention except as and to the extent that they are included in the accompanying claims.

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What is claimed is:

- 1. An isolated peptide comprising an insulin-like growth factor binding domain of an insulin-like growth factor binding protein or modification thereof, which binds insulin-like growth factor with at least about the same binding affinity as the full length insulin-like growth factor binding protein.
- 2. The isolated peptide of claim 1, wherein the binding domain or modification thereof binds to insulin-like growth factor-1 or insulin-like growth factor-2.
- 3. The isolated peptide of claim 1, wherein the binding domain is the binding domain of insulin-like growth factor binding protein-2.
- 4. The isolated peptide of claim 3, wherein the binding domain or modifications thereof comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:84, SEQ ID NO:85, SEQ ID NO:86, SEQ ID NO:87, SEQ ID NO:88, SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ ID NO:92, SEQ ID NO:93, SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, SEQ ID NO:97, SEQ ID NO:98, SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID NO:130,SEQ ID NO:131, SEQ ID NO:132, SEQ ID NO:133, SEQ ID NO:134, SEQ ID NO:135, SEQ ID NO:136, SEQ ID NO:137, SEQ ID NO:138, SEQ ID NO:139, SEQ ID NO:140, and SEQ ID NO:141.
- 5. The isolated peptide of claim 4, wherein the amino acid sequence has at least one intrasequence disulfide bond.

- 6. The isolated peptide of claim 1, wherein the binding domain is the binding sequence of insulin-like growth factor binding protein-1.
- 7. The isolated peptide of claim 1, wherein the binding domain is the binding domain of insulin-like growth factor binding protein-3.
- 8. The isolated peptide of claim 1, wherein the binding domain is the binding domain of insulin-like growth factor binding protein-4.
- 9. The isolated peptide of claim 1, wherein the binding domain is the binding domain of insulin-like growth factor binding protein-5.
- 10. The isolated peptide of claim 1, wherein the binding domain is the binding domain of insulin-like growth factor binding protein-6.
- 11. The isolated peptide of claim 1, wherein the binding domain or modification thereof has a molecular weight of about 14 kDa or less under non-reducing conditions.
- 12. An insulin-like growth factor antagonist, comprising a peptide of 250 or fewer amino acids, wherein the peptide can displace bound insulin-like growth factor binding protein from insulin-like growth factor and wherein the peptide reduces binding of insulin-like growth factor to an insulin-like growth factor receptor.
- 13. The insulin-like growth factor antagonist of claim 12, wherein the peptide or modification thereof does not reduce binding of insulin to an insulin receptor.
- 14. The insulin-like growth factor antagonist of claim 12, comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59,

SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO:64, SEQ ID NO:65, SEQ ID NO:66, SEQ ID NO:67, SEQ ID NO:68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, and SEQ ID NO:79.

- 15. An insulin-like growth factor antagonist of claim 12, comprising an isolated peptide containing an insulin-like growth factor binding domain of an insulin-like growth factor binding protein or modification or fragment thereof, which reduces binding of insulin-like growth factor to an insulin-like growth factor receptor.
- 16. The insulin-like growth factor antagonist of claim 15, wherein the peptide or modification thereof does not reduce binding of insulin to an insulin receptor.
- 17. The insulin-like growth factor antagonist of claim 16, comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 84.
- 18. A fragment of insulin-like growth factor, wherein the fragment binds to a binding domain on insulin-like growth factor binding protein.
- 19. The fragment of claim 18, wherein the insulin-like growth factor is selected from the group consisting of IGF-1 and IGF-2.
- 20. The fragment of claim 18, wherein the insulin-like growth factor binding protein is selected from the group consisting of insulin-like growth factor binding protein-1, insulin-like growth factor binding protein-2, insulin-like growth factor binding protein-

- 4,insulin-like growth factor binding protein-5, and insulin-like growth factor binding protein-6.
- 21. The fragment of claim 18, wherein the fragment reduces binding of insulin-like growth factor to insulin-like growth factor binding protein.
- 22. The fragment of claim 18, comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:80.
- The fragment of claim 2, further comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQID NO:82 linked to SEQ ID NO:80 by a disulfide bond.
- 24. A protein complex, comprising the peptide of claim 1 and a fragment of insulinlike growth factor, wherein the fragment binds to a binding domain on insulinlike growth factor binding protein.
- 25. The protein complex of claim 24, wherein the IGF fragment is a photoaffinity derivative of an insulin-like growth factor.
- 26. The protein complex of claim 25, wherein the photoaffinity derivative comprises a photoreactive glycine residue within an insulin-like growth factor binding protein binding domain of insulin-like growth factor.
- 27. The protein complex of claim 26, wherein the photoreactive glycine residue is an N-terminal glycine residue.
- 28. The protein complex of claim 27, wherein the N-terminal derivative is N^{αGly1}(4-azidobenzoyl)-insulin-like growth factor-1.

- 29. A method of treating a subject with cancer or of preventing cancer in a subject, comprising administering to the subject the insulin-like growth factor antagonist of claim 12.
- 30. The method claim 29, wherein the cancer comprises a tumor that expresses an insulin-like growth factor receptor.
- 31. The method of claim 30, wherein the cancer is breast cancer.
- 32. The method of claims 30, wherein the cancer is prostate cancer.
- 33. A method of treating a subject with a diabetic complication exacerbated by insulin-like growth factor or of preventing a diabetic complication exacerbated by insulin-like growth factor in a subject, comprising administering to the subject the antagonist of claim 12.
- 34. The method of claim 33, wherein the diabetic complication is diabetic retinopathy.
- 35. The method of claim 33, wherein the diabetic complication is diabetic nephropathy.
- 36. A method of treating a subject with cancer or of preventing cancer in a subject, comprising administering to the subject the insulin-like growth factor antagonist of claim 15.
- 37. The method claim 36, wherein the cancer comprises a tumor that expresses an insulin-like growth factor receptor.

- 38. The method of claim 37, wherein the cancer is breast cancer.
- 39. The method of claims 37, wherein the cancer is prostate cancer.
- 40. A method of treating a subject with a diabetic complication exacerbated by insulin-like growth factor or of preventing a diabetic complication exacerbated by insulin-like growth factor in a subject, comprising administering to the subject the antagonist of claim 15.
- 41. The method of claim 40, wherein the diabetic complication is diabetic retinopathy.
- 42. The method of claim 40, wherein the diabetic complication is diabetic nephropathy.
- 43. A method of treating a subject with an ischemic injury, comprising administering to the subject the fragment of claim 21, thereby reducing the ischemic injury in the subject.
- 44. A method of treating a subject with diabetes, comprising administering to the subject the fragment of claim 21, thereby reducing blood glucose levels in the subject.
- 45. A nucleic acid that encodes the peptide of claim 1.
- 46. A vector for the expression of an insulin-like growth factor binding domain of an insulin-like growth factor binding protein or modification thereof, which binds insulin-like growth factor with at least about the same binding affinity as

the full length insulin-like growth factor binding protein, comprising the nucleic acid of claim 45.

- 47. A cell containing an exogenous nucleic acid comprising the nucleic acid of claim 45.
- 48. An isolated IGF-1, wherein one residue of the IGF-1 is biotinylated. and wherein the biotinylated IGF-1 has an affinity for IGFBP-2 of about 300 to 50 pM in a competition binding assay.
- 49. The isolated IGF-1 of claim 48, wherein the IGF-1 is selected from the group consisting of N^{αGly1}-, N^{αLyαδ5}-, and N^{αLyαδ7}- monobiotinylated IGF-1.

IGF-1 Binding Domains Ser 51

IGF-1R-Binding Domain

FIG. 1

IGFBP-Binding Domain

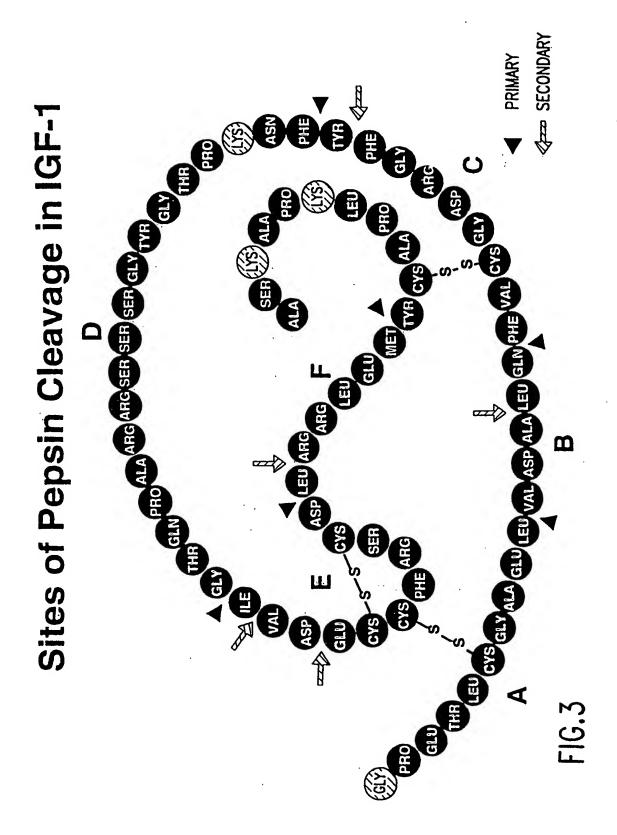
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FIG.2

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IGFBP-1	Ap	WQCAPCSAEK	LALCPPVSAS		CŞEVT	RSAGCGCCPM
IGFBP-2	Manne EVL	FRCPPCTPER	LAACGPPPVA	PPAAVAAVAG	GARMPCAELV	REPGCGCCSV
IGFBP-3	GASSGGLGPV	VRCEPCDARA	LAQCAPPPAV		CAELV	REPGCGCCLT
IGFBP-4	~~~DEA	IHCPPCSEEK	LARCRP.PVG		CEELV	REPGCGCCAT
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IGFBP-1	CALPLGAACG	VATARCARGL	SCRALPGEQQ	PLHALTRGQG	ACVQESDAS.	APHAAEAG
IGFBP-2	CARLEGEACG	VYTPROGQGL	RCYPHPGSEL	PLQALVMGEG	TCEKRRDAEY	GASPEQVADN
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IGFBP-4	S.DKDEGDHP	NNSF	SPCSAH	DRRCLQKHFA	KIRDRSTSGG	KMKVNGAPRE
IGFBP-5	IERDSREHEE	PTTSEMAEET	YSPKIFRPKH	I TRISELKAEA	VKKDRRKKLT	QSKFVGGAEN
IGFBP-6	VAEENPKESK	PQAGTARPQD	VNR		.RDQQR	NPG
IGFBP-1	KKWKEP.		CRIELYRVVE	SLAKAQETSG	EEISKF	YLPNCNKNGF
IGFBP-2	LGLEEPk	KLRPPPARTP	CQQELDQVLE	RISTMRLPDE	RGPLEHLYSL	HIPNCDKHGL
IGFBP-3	QSTDTQNFS	S ESKRETEYGP	CRREMEDIL	1 HLKFLNVLSP	P RGV	HIPNCDKKGF
IGFBP-4	DARPVP.	QGS	CQSELHRALE	RLAASQSRTH	IEDLYII	PIPNCDRNGN
IGFBP-5	TAHPRIISA	P EMRQESEQGP	CRRHMEASLO) ELKASPRMVF	P RA\	YLPNCDRKGF
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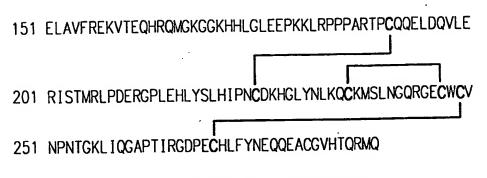
MALDI ANALYSIS OF 15.8 kDa IGFBP-2 FRAGMENT

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101 AEYGASPEQVADNGDDHSEGGLVENHVDSTMAMLGGGGSAGRKPLKSGMK

151 ELAVFREKVTEQHRQMGKGGKHHLGLEEPKKLRPPPARTPCQQELDQVLE
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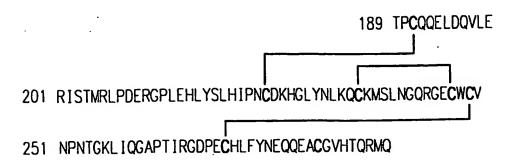
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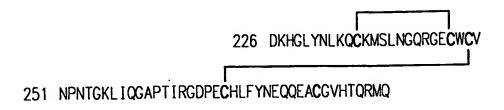
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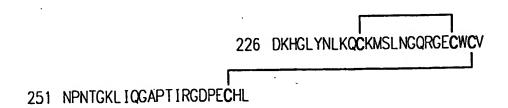
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FIG.8



IGF BINDING DOMAIN STRUCTURE RESIDUES 226-289

FIG.9



IGF BINDING DOMAIN STRUCTURE RESIDUES 226-272

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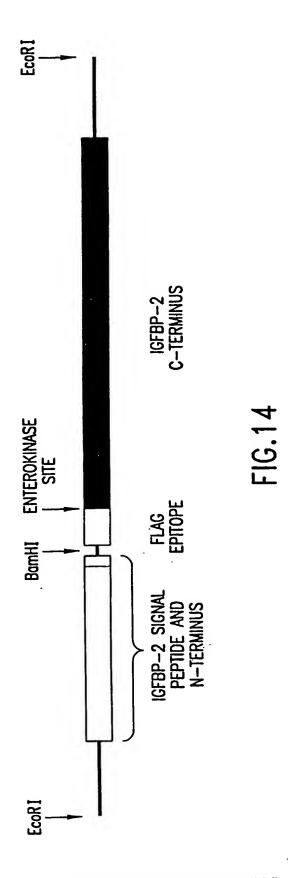


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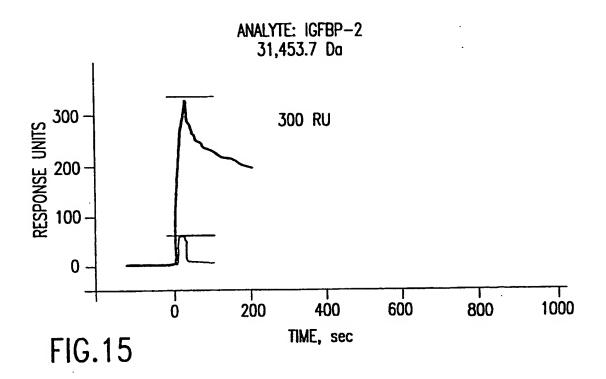
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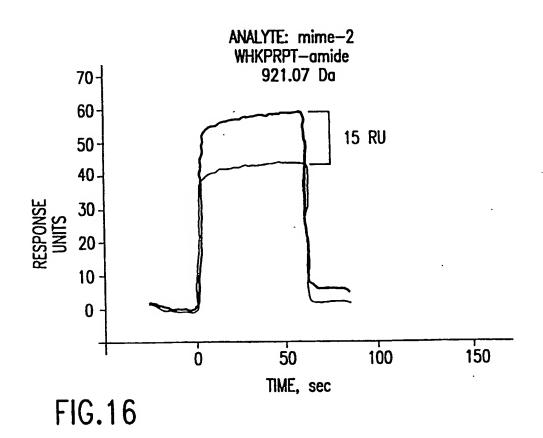


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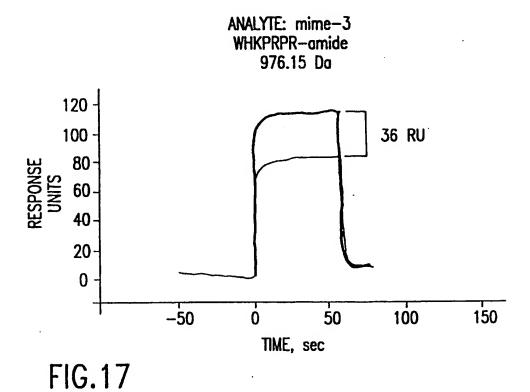


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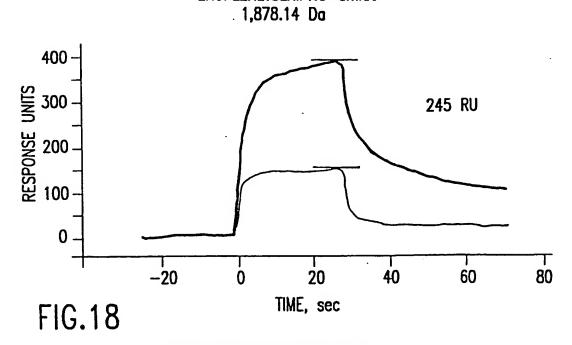




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